

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 1 East Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Lt. Gary Aulis, Area Commander Beat 1  
**DATE:** April 14, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2009

**Lieutenant Aulis**

- Advised the city is broken up into four geographical areas and each of those areas are assigned an Area Commander. Lt. Aulis advised he is the Area Commander for Area 1, which is everything above the 210 freeway. If you have any questions or need to get a hold of him his phone number is (909) 350-7706 or email is [gaulis@fontana.org](mailto:gaulis@fontana.org).
- Introductions-Eric Garwick (Public Works), Kathy Weber (Traffic Engineering), Sergio Quiroz (Public Works), Ted Porlas (Code Compliance), Councilmember Scialdone and Rutherford, Officers Billings and Romo, Amber Smith (Police Department).
- Advised the purpose of the Area Commander Program is to provide better services to the community by partnering with the community. It gives the community a point of contact within the city, if you have a problem you do not know who you can talk to you can call your area commander. Email is the most efficient way to get a hold of him if you have a question.
- Resources- [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org) has tons of good information including the “Who Ya Gonna Call” form. On that website there is a link to the police department’s website which has information on the police department services to include the CAP Program which offers low and no cost services and the minutes from the community meetings. It also has a link to report abandoned vehicles, graffiti, street lights which are not working, and abandoned shopping carts.
- Community Connection- On Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> the Lewis Library and Technology Center will be celebrating their one millionth visitor. There will be prizes and a big celebration.
- June 6<sup>th</sup> is the Fontana Days Run.
- Advised on the Community Connection on the city website there is information regarding the city and the economic situation we are in currently.

**Linda Burton-CAP Resource Program**

- Advised she works for the city of Fontana in the Water of Life Church.
- The CAP Resource Program offers low to no cost services through referrals.
- The CAP Resource program offers classes in such fields as looking for a job, life skills classes, writing a resume, etc, usually free of charge.

- Most of your questions can be answered by checking out the CAP Resource program website.
- Advised the CAP Resource Fair is coming up on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Jesse Turner Center-Representatives from over 118 local Community Assistance programs will be present to provide free resources and services and to make referrals.

**Councilmember Janice Rutherford:**

- Advised May 7<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer and the city will be hosting a Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30am at the Jesse Turner Center. It's no cost however they are asking for reservations.

**Lieutenant Aulis**

- Advised at the community meetings he usually has a presentation set up however tonight he does not. Will have one scheduled for the next meeting.
- CopLogic: The system is designed to allow citizens to file certain reports via the internet. The system is accessible from any computer with internet access through the police department's website and is also available in Spanish. There is also a computer set up in the Police department's lobby for citizens to use. The basic process of filing a report online involves the citizen entering basic information regarding the incident, including any property information. The majority of the information is completed using drop down menus. Once the citizen has completed the report they will be provided with a temporary case number and can print out a copy of that temporary report. Upon the report being approved, the citizen is emailed a copy of their report along with a permanent case number. The crimes which can be reported online are:
  - Child Custody violations
  - Graffiti
  - Harassing Phone Calls
  - Hit and Run (Which has happened in the past with no suspect information.)
  - Identity Theft
  - Lost Property
  - Theft (under \$5000)
  - Vandalism
  - Vandalism to a vehicle
  - Vehicle Burglary
  - Vehicle Tampering
- Coplogic was started in early February and from early February to the end of March we issued 473 case numbers from this program and saved 596 officer hours.
- The top call for service for area 1 which is everything above the 210 freeway is Traffic stops.
  - The first crime on the stat sheet was 45 petty thefts which is theft of property under \$400, that number includes shoplifting at places such as Kohl's and Target.

- There were 28 vehicle burglaries.
- Advised at 24 Hour Fitness and LA Fitness there were recently a string of burglaries and the officers received information on the suspect's vehicle. Lt. Aulis advised at about 9:30am he was in the area and noticed a vehicle with the same description and he attempted to stop the vehicle however they took off and a pursuit ensued. The suspects were eventually taken into custody and were found to be the people who were breaking into vehicles at 24 Hour Fitness and LA Fitness. If you go to the gym make sure you do not leave anything of value visible in your car. Take a gym bag and put your stuff in a locker. They are hitting vehicles that have stuff in plain view.

### **THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN**

#### **Concerns of Sierra Lakes Residents:**

- Asked if you are able to print out a copy of the report once you complete it on CopLogic. ***Lt. Aulis advised you will be able to print out a preview of it with a case number however it still has to go through the approval process.***
- Advised she is concerned because she has been reading more and more in the newspaper about people jumping out of cars and beating people up for a cell phone, asked if that is happening in Sierra Lakes. ***Lt. Aulis advised usually stuff like that happens because they are trying to steal an Ipod however he hasn't seen a lot where they suspects pull up in a vehicle, usually the victim is a teenager on their way to school or at a park. It is happening however it's not an epidemic. Advised crime is way down from when he first started working for the department.***
- Advised they noticed on Augusta by the park around 1 or 2 in the morning people are drag racing. ***Lt. Aulis advised we will let our traffic unit know.***
- Asked if the skid marks by the school are because of parents dropping their kids off at school. ***Lt. Aulis advised no it's probably just people doing donuts in the street.***
- Asked if there are still problems at the park and if anyone has been caught because of the problems. ***Lt. Aulis advised it is his assumption the problems have been taken care of, however he will look into it. Advised Lt. Bloom didn't mention any problems at the park to him when he took over. \*No significant calls for service were found at the park\****
- Asked if the issue with the Ice Cream Truck selling knives has been taken care of. Advised she no longer sees that ice cream truck in the area. ***Lt. Aulis advised he will have to look into it advised he was unaware of that and hasn't heard of any problems such as that. \*Advised School PD of problem. No one at Fontana Police Department recalls the issue\****
- Asked if there are any problems with squatting in abandoned homes. ***Lt. Aulis advised we are starting to see a decrease in abandoned houses because developers are starting to pick them up and we haven't seen a lot of problems with squatters however we do have a problem with trespassing.***
- Asked what is being built on Sierra by the 15 freeway. ***Councilmember Scialdone advised it's an elementary school for Rialto School District.***

- Asked what the status of Walmart was. *Councilmember Rutherford advised Walmart has decided to put the lots up for sale.*
- Advised he received a letter from the city stating the sewer fee is being increased. Asked how 5 council members can impose an increase of sewer fees unless 50% or more of the community objects to it. *Councilmember Rutherford advised its state law they are allowed to do that. Councilmember Scialdone advised that fee is not going to the city it's going to the company who maintenances the sewer. Councilmember Rutherford advised if it's not increased the city still has to pay it and services will have to be cut elsewhere.*
- Advised they have a concern with the off ramp on Citrus eastbound to northbound Citrus. *Councilmember Rutherford advised that has been brought up in other meetings and Caltrans is aware of the problem and agrees it has to be fixed however they have no money to correct it. Officer Billings advised she will make a note of it and let other officers in the area know of the problem. Councilmember Scialdone advised they will let Caltrans know again, maybe it will help move the project along maybe it won't. Kathy Weber advised Caltrans stated the project would cost an estimated \$100,000 to fix, advised she will ask Caltrans if they can put up extra signs in the meantime.*
- Asked where Caltrans jurisdiction ends. *Councilmember Scialdone advised he believes its 300 feet from the freeway which includes the overpass.*
- Advised she is concerned with the middle school students who are walking on Highland and Citrus there is no sidewalk in the area. *Councilmember Rutherford advised the city doesn't have any say where the school district decides to put a school*
- Asked about the top paving of Summit Avenue, when will it be complete. *Kathy Weber with Engineering advised it should be underway soon. Advised it recently went out for bid so it's getting real close.*
- Asked how long Baseline and Juniper will be under construction. *Kathy Weber advised she will have to get back with us on that, advised there is a lot of storm drain work being done and it could be another 6 months or so.*
- Asked what is being built on Sierra and Sierra Lakes Parkway. *Councilmember Rutherford advised nothing. Advised everything is on hold. The only construction you will see is the school for Rialto School District and also the project Caltrans is working on just north of Baseline and the 15 freeway. Councilmember Scialdone advised expect to see it this way for another 2 to 3 maybe 4 years.*
- Asked if the promenade project is on hold. *Councilmember Rutherford advised the city approved the plan for the promenade however Walmart owns the land and they don't want to follow the plan as of right now it's at a stand still.*

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JULY 13, 2009. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM AT SIERRA LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5740 AVENAL PLACE, Fontana CA 92336)**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY  
JULY 12, 2009 TO:**

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